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From the Supplement to the Amsterd. Gazette, April 25.

Supplement of the Journal of the Pope's Voyage to Benevento.

ON the 27th of March *Benedict* XIII. arrived at the Tour de Paul. The 28th his Holiness went on board a Barque adorned with leav'd Branches, to take the Diversion of Fishing: The Holy Father himself threw a Net, and took several Fishes, which were eaten upon the Brink of the Pond, having been dress'd by his domestick Cooks, &c. The 29th a Woman who passes here for an Inspir'd, addressed herself to the Holy Father, telling him with a loud Voice, and with an Air of great Assurance, "That "*Rome* was his real Church, his City, and the "Place of his Residence, and not *Benevento*; and "that it was proper he should return from the "Spot; That she revealed to him from GOD, "that he ought no longer to allow himself to be "managed by Cardinal Coscia, or by some other "Prelats his Domesticks and Confidents, nor yet "by the Ecclesiasticks of Benevento, whose only "Aim was the Ruin of the Church, the City of "Rome, and the Ecclesiastick State, the better to "augment the immense Riches they have already; "That he ought no longer to hesitate, but further-"with remove them from his Person, since he had "at Command a great many Cardinals of Merit, "more capable to govern than those now in Pos-"session: And that his Holiness ought the more "to give heed to her Advice, for that she was not "possessed by the Devil; but that the Spirit of the "living God spoke from her Mouth, &c.

The Pope had the Patience to listen to this lively Reprehension from the one End to the other; after which, having commanded this Propheteſs to go to her Knees to receive his Benediction, she threw herself upon the Earth, and received it with all Devotion imaginable, talking Latin in a very elegant Stile. The 30th, the Holy Father departed from the Tower de Paul for Fondi, in the Kingdom of Naples, where he arrived that Night, having been received by Cardinal d'Althan on the Part of the Emperor: His Eminence having complimented the Pope, stept in to his Holiness Coach, and accompanied him to the Palace prepared for him.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, April 29.

Petersburg, April 4. General Lessy who is to command in chief the Body of Troops yielded to the Emperor, went thence in order to join these Troops: He will soon be followed by Mrs. Ropp and Jasupoff, Lieutenants General, and by Mrs. Le Fort Leontinoff, and Bendiges, Majors General. This Body of Troops consist of 10 Regiments of Dragoons, and 16 of Foot.

Paris, April 21. Her most Christian Majesty, who goes in her 4th Month, enjoys a perfect State of Health.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, April 22.

Hague, April 30. N. S. The Emperor's Counter Project mentioned in our last, is said to consist of 12 Articles, one of which is for reducing the proposed ten Years Suspension of the Ostend Trade to three; and another proposes a Congress at Aix-la-Chapelle, of Six Months only, as if all Differences could be adjusted in so small a Space. From hence 'tis concluded, that his Imperial Majesty's Principal View is to gain Time: Mean while, neither does the Ostend Company's Stock fall, upon the Rumour of their Suspension, nor do any of the Proprietors betray the least Uneasiness, but patiently bear all that is whispered about their Destruction, with a Temper that would savour strongly of Indolence, were they not, underhand, assur'd of a powerful Protection of their Trade. The King of Portugal would gladly mediate a Peace between the contending Powers; and, 'tis said, has charg'd the Marquis de Abrantes to press that Matter home to his Catholick Majesty.

London, April 22. A few Days since died of Grief, Mrs. Crawly, for the Loss of her Brother Captain Haddock, Commander of a Man of War in Admiral Hosier's Squadron, who died before Porto Bello.

The *Solebay* Man of War with the Transports, having about 500 Soldiers on board, sailed from Port-Mahon the 28th past for Gibraltar.

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The Hon. James Bruce, Esq; is set out for Brussels, with his Majesty's Licence to visit his Brother the Earl of Aylesbury.

From the Daily Journal, April 21.

Triers, April 20. Our Elector has ordered his Quota of Troops for the Emperor's Service to be ready to march on the first Command. The States of this Electorate are to meet next Week, to grant the usual Yearly Subsidy to our Elector; as also an extraordinary Sum for maintaining the said Troops.

From the St. James's Evening Post, April 20.

Leipsick, April 23. 'Tis said the Troops of this Electorate have Orders to be ready to march. 'Tis advised from Vienna, that Count Wormbrand has informed the Imperial Court, that the Circles of the Upper Rhine and Franconia had declar'd themthemselves entirely in the Emperor's Favour; but that the other Circles are still inclined to a Neutrality.

Hamburg, April 25. The King of Denmark is expected shortly in Holstein; and 'tis assured he will put himself at the Head of his Army in case of a War.

London, April 22. Richard, Viscount Shannon, is made Captain and Collonel of the 4th Troop of Horse Guards, in the Room of the late Lord Forrester.

The Fleet commanded by Sir John Norris, now in Readiness for sailing to the Baltick, consists of the following Ships:

	Guns.		Guns.
Cornwall,	80	Northumberland,	70
Hampton-Court,	70	Medway,	60
Elizabeth,	70	Plymouth,	60
Nassau,	70	Chatham,	50
Edinburgh,	70	Garland,	20
Suffolk,	70	Portsmouth hospital	8
Revenge,	70	Seaford Bomb'	20
Bedford,	70	Shoreham Bomb'	8
Captain,	70	Griffin Fireship,	8
Monmouth,	70	Bridgwater ditto,	8
Grafton,	70		

Captain Collier, Commander of the Fubs Yatcht at Helvoetsluys, hath sent an Account to the Admiralty office, That he had spoke with the Master of a Ship who came from Malaga in 25 Days, and from Gibraltar in 18 Days, who declared, that the Spaniards had raised the Siege of that Place: But we must suspend our Belief of this so important News, till better confirmed.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, April 25.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from France.

Continuation of the Protest in our last.

IV. BEcause we think that absolute Powers ought to be given in a free Government, only on Occasion of evident Necessity, and when the very Being of the Government is in Danger: And tho' we allow the present Circumstances to be as melancholly as they have almost at any Time been, yet we think it an improper Remedy for our present State, to depart from the approv'd, and, in our Judgment, the essential Form of giving the publick Money. Nor can we be perswaded that it is the only, or even the best Expedient that can be found to extricate us from our unhappy Situation, to repose such Confidence in the Crown, in the disposing of immense Sums of Money, as may, by the Advice of wicked or unable Ministers, (if ever it should be our Misfortune to have such) be attended with great Prejudice to our Properties, and Danger to our Liberties: With the Hopes of preserving which we cannot otherwise flatter ourselves than by a strict Adherence to those excellent Parliamentary Methods of granting all Sums of Money, only upon Estimates for Services publickly avowed.

V. Because the Proceedings that were offered to justify this Clause, were far from giving us any Satisfaction: For if they had been plain, and full to the Point, which we think they are not; yet, ought they not to be followed, lest Clauses of this Nature might become too frequent; and lest an unlimited Power in the Crown to raise Millions on our Fellow Subjects, might be lookt upon, by Degrees, as a Thing of Course, and so at last, the Total Power of levying and disposing of the Peoples Money, be given to One Part of the Legislature, which by our wise Constitution is, and with Safety can only be loged in the Whole.

Strafford, Boyle, Aberdeen, Warrington, Bingley, Cramond, Scarsdale, Lechmere, Folley, Coventry, Wisfield, Brook, Oxford & Mortimer, Maynard, Gower, Litchfield, Bristol.

Yesterday his Majesty came to the House of Peers to

to give the Royal Aſſent to the Act for continuing the Duty on Malt, and for Appropriating the Supplies granted by this Seſſion of Parliament.

Yeſterday the Lords deferred the further Conſideration of the Bill for the more effectual Tranſportation of Felons, for 3 Weeks.

The Commons went thro' the Bill for prolonging the Time for determining Claims on the Eſtates of the late S. S. Directors.

'Tis believed the Parliament will riſe the 10th or 12th of May.

According to ſome Advices, the Spaniards have quitted the Siege of Gibraltar; and moſt People begin now to be of opinion on the Side of Peace. From whence 'tis inferred that the Government has ſome News tending to an Accommodation.

The Squadron deſigned for the Baltick continues ſtill at the Nore; but 'tis ſaid Sir John Norris will ſet out thither Tomorrow, to take upon him the Command of theſe Ships.

The Acceſſion of Sweden to the Treaty of Hanover, is reckoned of ſuch Importance as will complete the Re-eſtabliſhment of the Tranquillity and Ballance of Power in the North. And on the other hand, the ſteady Adherence of France to the Allies of Hanover, and the Diſpoſitions made by them for ſupporting a War in caſe of Need, are ſuch, that the Emperor and King of Spain will ſoon think it their Intereſt, to ſubmit to the Propoſals made them for an Accommodation, ſo as to ſecure us in our moſt valuable Rights and Privileges, and the moſt valuable Branches of our Trade.

We hear, that two rich Homeward-bound Ships from the E. Indies belonging to the Company erected in the Auſtrian Netherlands, are arrived at Oſtend.

This Day the Lords paſt the Scots Fiſhery Bill, and deferred Ways and Means till Tomorrow.

S. S. Stock 104, 1 half. Bank, 127. India 151.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, April 25.

Bruſſels, April 24. Upon the Arrival of the Emperor's Anſwer to the ultimate Propoſals of the Allies of Hanover, two Councils were held; and 'tis certain, that Aix la Chapelle is appointed for the Place of Congreſs. The Duke de Bournonville's Gentleman is gone thro' this Place to Vienna, having at Madrid received the King of Spain's Anſwer to the Propoſals of the Allies of Hanover.

London, April 25. We hear that the Rt. Honourable the Earl of Findlater & Seafield will be made One of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State for Scotland; which High Office was lately held by his Grace the Duke of Roxburgh.

From the Flying Poſt, April 25.

We have a Mail from France, with Letters of the 30 Inſt. and one from Holland of the 2d of May.

The Advices they bring are ſtill on the Side of Peace, they tell us, that the Court of Vienna ſeems more inclined every Day than the other, to an Accommodation of Differences; that the March of the Imperial Troops is every where countermanded; we have the like Aſſurances from France, with this Addition, that all their own Forces both Horſe and Foot, were ready to take the Field upon the firſt Notice, but that they are not apprehenſive there will be any Occaſion for them to do ſo: If theſe Accounts from both France and Holland may be credited, we have much Reaſon to believe that the Siege of Gibraltar is raiſed; they ſeem to make no Doubt of it in any of thoſe Places, and there are private Letters in Town which ſay the ſame; but however probable this may ſeem to ſome People, we ſhall wait for a Confirmation, before we ſhall even venture abſolutely to affirm, *That it is not taken*; for if it is ſold, as has been given out, it is not unreaſonable to think it ſhould go with the Buyer --- *So much for its being to be given up.*

From the Evening Poſt, April 25.

Bruſſels, April 28. They write from Paris, That the Baron de Fonſeca, Reſident of the Emperor, has been appointed Miniſter Plenipotentiary of his Imperial Majeſty, for ſigning the Preliminary Articles which ſhall be ſettled for holding a Congreſs.

Vienna, April 19. The Duke de Richlieu, Ambaſſador of France, received this Morning an Expreſs from his Court, whereupon his Excellency had a Conference with the Imperial Miniſters, ſince which we had divers ſtrange Reports, as particularly, that his Imperial Majeſty would make an Exchange with France, of ſome Part of the Auſtrian Netherlands, Oſtend included, for Alſace, and that the Preliminaries between the Emperor and the King of Great Britain, are upon the point of being ſigned by the Mediation of France.

Peterſburg, April 13. 'Tis whiſpered here, that very important and unexpected Events will ſhortly appear, the Example of Admiral Count Apraxin, who retired lately to his Country Seat near Moſcow

cow, to live retired, will shortly be followed by several others. The fitting out of our Men of War is carried on with such Expedition, that the Fleet will be ready to sail, as soon as we have open Weather.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, April 25.

London, April 25. The Rt. Honourable Sir Robert Walpole is again much indisposed.

From the London Gazette, April 25.

Westminster, April 24. Yesterday his Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes seated on the Throne, was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cydar and Perry in that Part of Great Britain called England, and for granting to his Majesty certain Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder and Perry in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, for the Service of the Year 1727; and for Appropriating the Supplies granted in this Session of Parliament, and for making forth Duplicates of Exchequer Bills, Lottery Tickets, and Orders lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed; and for giving further Time to Clerks and Apprentices to pay Duties ommitted to be paid for their Indentures and Contracts.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, May 2.

Genoa, April 10. The Difference which happened betwixt the King of Sardinia and this Republick is at last comprimised to the Satisfaction of both Parties, thro' the Mediation of the Emperor.

Rome, April 10. On Saturday last the Sacred College assisted at the Ceremony of blessing the Palms, and the Procession. After which Cardinal Lercari carried a consecrate Branch to the Princess Sobieski, as is usually done to Crown'd Heads, &c. who happen to be here at this Time. On Monday last Cardinal Imperiali went to St. Cecilia, where he conferred two Hours with the Princess Sobieski; and that Night an Express was dispatched to Bologna with important Dispatches for the Pretender.

Postscript. Extract of some Letters from Paris, April 28.

As the Emperor has rejected all the Propositions which have been made to him, and has made others that are not acceptable, the Hopes we had conceived of Peace seem to vanish: and 'tis reckoned that on the Return of the Expresses dispatched to London and the Hague, the French Troops will have Orders to encamp, every Thing being ready for that End.

Edinburgh, May 1. We have the very bad News That 4 Ships belonging to the Town of Leith, commanded by the Captains Graham, Edmondston, Fuller, and Gib, from Bourdeaux, have been seized in the Channel by the Algerine Rovers. Great Britain being now in Peace with that Republick 'tis said by some People, that the Reason pretended for this Seizure is, That they were not provided with Mediterranean Passes: However, an Express has been sent to Court touching the Affair.

On Saturday last his Grace the High Commissioner to the ensuing General Assembly, arrived in this City.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†¶† That the Houses and Lands of POWDERHALL on the Water of Leith, lately possessed by the Lord Forglen, are to be sette in Tack, jointly or separately: The House consists of several Rooms, and fit for the Accommodation of different Families; the Lands being under Grass. Any who has a-mind, may enquire at the Gardner of Powderhall.

¶‡¶ That a *General Meeting* of the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, is appointed to be held on *Wednesday* the Third of *May* ensuing, at Three a clock after Noon, at the Company's Office; for adviſing of some *important Concerns* of the Company.

¶ Whereas it was formerly advertised, That the Creditors of the deceast Alexander Pyper of NEW GRANGE Merchant in Edinburgh were desir'd to meet at John's Coffee-house upon the First Day of May Inst. to the Effect that at said Meeting the Funds and Subjects for the Payment of their several Claims might be laid before them, and proper Measures concerted for Recovering thereof: Yet considering the most Part of their Doers will be then from Town, the said Meeting is adjourned to the Eighth Day of June, at the said Coffee house, betwixt the Hours of Two and Three after Noon; when 'tis hoped there will be a full Meeting.

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